in a limited area. In Uttaranchal, the tea areas have been neglected over time, though the State Government has taken steps to revive the industry. New tea gardens have been establishd in some parts of Bihar.

A number of developmental schemes are being implemented by the Tea Board during the 10th Five Year Plan for enhancing productivity, quality and marketability of tea produced in the country nder which financial and technical assistance is being provided for various plantation development activities, benefits from these schemes are available for the tea gardens located in the various States.

Legislation on SEZ

4355. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed legislation on SEZ is on the lines of SEZ legilation of China;

(b) if not, how India specific SEZ legislation proposes to foster competition with other countries of the world; and

(c) the details of SEZs in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) A proposal for introduction of a Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Bill taking into account experience of other countries, including China, covering all aspects of establishment, operation and fiscal regime for SEZs is under the consideration of the Government. This is expected to give an internationally competitive duty free environment for exports supported by an incentive package broadly comparable with the facilities offered in other countries of the world.

(c) At present 11, Special Economic Zones at Kandla and Surat (Gujarat), Santa Cruz-Mumbai (Maharashtra), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta and Salt Lake-Kolkata (West Bengal), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Noida (UP.), Sitapura-Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Indore (Madhya Pradesh) are in operation.